



# Gillwinga Public School

A leader in Excellence Innovation & Opportunity

Telephone: 6642 2344

Facsimile: 6643 2051

Email: [gillwinga-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gillwinga-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Principal: Colette Abrahall

Issue No 2 Term 1

8<sup>th</sup> February, 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The captains and leaders induction ceremony was held last Thursday. Special congratulations are extended to our School Captains: Josie Cross and William West and our school vice captains: Cassandra Ward and Edan Stewart.



Congratulations are also extended to the following children who were inducted as captains of their respective Houses:

Banksia: Charlie Ford & Shanea Young

Cedar: Jaala Morris & Scotti Knight

Mulga: Blake Mellish & Jennifer Williams

Wattle: Jade Allen & Jaiden Berry



A very enjoyable day was spent last Friday with Coutts Crossing Public School at the swimming carnival with the children participating with enthusiasm. We thank Mr Cavanagh for the organisation of the day and thanks are extended to the many parents and carers who assisted with the running of the carnival.

Congratulations to the following children who were our swimming champions on the day:

Junior Girl: Tegan Fallon

Junior Boy: Lex Bagster

11year girl: Jade Allen

11year boy: Charlie Ford

Senior Girl: Sar-j Skeen

Senior Boy: Bailey Chalker

Champion House: Banksia

**Trophies and ribbons will be presented to the champions this Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> February at the whole school weekly assembly to begin at 9:10am.** All parents, relatives and friends are warmly welcome to attend.

A squad of children has been selected to represent our school at the district swimming carnival next Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> February. Mr Cavanagh will be notifying these children this week.



Year 6 girls enjoying the swimming carnival



Jesse &amp; Chloe at the carnival

### School Nurse

The school health nurse will be visiting our school this Thursday to provide vision, hearing and speech screening for targeted students. If you received a consent form from the class teacher please ensure it is returned no later than Thursday morning if you wish your child to be provided with this service. Community Health in Grafton also holds free full hearing assessments all year round. If you would like an appointment for your child Community Health may be contacted on phone 66402402.

Tomorrow Gillwinga Public School will have the honour of the Swans AFL team members visiting our school to run a workshop. South Grafton and St Joseph's have been invited along to participate. Thanks are extended to the AFL for organising this wonderful opportunity for our students.

### Parent/Teacher night

The Parent/Teacher night for all classes will be held on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February at 5:30pm in the school library. We encourage all parents to attend this evening as valuable information will be given in regards to structures, routines and the programs your child will be involved in during the year. A supper will be held after if you wish to stay for a cuppa and chat.

### School uniform

It has been very pleasing to see the school uniform being worn by the majority of children and we thank the parents for their commitment in ensuring the children are correctly dressed for school. The wearing of the uniform gives the children a sense of belonging and pride in our school. Part of our school uniform is the wearing of the school hat, particularly when playing in the sun. If a child forgets to bring a hat he/she must play in the shade. The P&C will provide sunscreen for students to put on when they are playing outside. Your child will have access to this at 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch. **However, if you do not want your child to use the sunscreen please let the class teacher know in writing.**

### P&C Information

Thanks to a very small band of P&C and canteen members who attended the AGM yesterday afternoon. Congratulations to the following parents who were nominated and accepted the executive roles:

President: Nolene Chevalley

Vice President: Sharen Bagster

Secretary: Sharon Wright

Treasurer: Sue Osborn (canteen) and Judy Gibson (P&C)

The P&C and canteen committees have been amalgamated and the next meeting will be held on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30pm in the school staff room. All are welcome to attend.

Kind Regards

Colette Abrahall

### Dates to remember:

**Clarence Science Initiative (CSI):** Wed, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> (Feb); 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> (Mar); 6<sup>th</sup> Apr

**School Nurse:** Thurs, 10<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Parent/Teacher Night:** Tues, 15<sup>th</sup> Feb at 5:30pm

**District Swimming Carnival:** Thurs, 17<sup>th</sup> Feb

**School Photo Day:** Fri, 4<sup>th</sup> Mar

**P&C and Canteen meeting:** Mon, 7<sup>th</sup> Mar at 2:30pm



**Canteen Help Needed**

We are still looking for volunteers to work in the canteen. As it is essential that parents run and organise the canteen, if the help is not forthcoming the canteen may need to be closed for some days during the week.

If you know you or a Grandparent or friend will be available to work on the canteen roster during 2011 please complete the tear off slip below and return to school. Volunteering for just one day a month is all that is required. If we all give a little of our time it will certainly benefit the children as the canteen is the major fundraiser for our school.

**Canteen Helpers for 2011**

I will be available to work on the canteen during 2011

No of times per month: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred days: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact no: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this note to the front office**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Feb: Deneal Connelly

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Feb: Michelle Tainsh

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Feb: Sue Osborn  
Marjorie Bramble

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Feb: Jo Bell  
Tanarra Taylor

**Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Feb: CLOSED**

**BOOK CLUB**

Please support the Book Club. There are a number of fantastic books available at really reasonable prices. For every dollar that

parents spend on Book Club, our school library benefits by receiving free books, depending on the amount spent.

**P&C NEWS**

Keep this information handy for when new uniforms are required:

**Uniform stockists:**

- Best & Less: Brown shorts and skorts are available for \$10 and \$18 respectively.
- Low Pressure Surf Shop: Brown Harro fitted waist shorts 2 for \$50 until end February.
- Shopping online:  
[www.stubbiesschoolwear.com.au](http://www.stubbiesschoolwear.com.au) has brown scotch guard cargo shorts for \$19.99. If you spend \$50 or more postage is free otherwise postage is \$10. OR  
<http://shop.ebay.com.au/jumbokids> has girls skorts and shorts plus boys shorts all for \$9. Also has winter gear. Once you enter this site click on uniforms then brown. When you order, wait for an invoice as it will have a reduce postage cost or email this shop and they will tell you in advance.
- The Gillwinga shirt can only be purchased from the school (\$23).
- Brown and Yellow bucket hats are available from the school (\$7).
- The Gillwinga school cap is only for Year 5 and 6 students.
  - The school clothing pool has a small selection of items.
  - If you know of any other stockists please let us know.

If school items are labelled, when the P&C go through lost property they return items with names to their owners. A white out pen is a good way to put names on dark clothing and seems to last longer than permanent marker and can be read more easily.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Please note the canteen will be closed on Tuesdays in 2011** due to lack of volunteers. **No items are available from the canteen on Tuesdays.** We are also in desperate need of 1-2 volunteers for one Friday a month, otherwise the canteen may be shut on this day as well.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

School banking starts today and will continue to be on each Tuesday.

**SCHOOL CLOTHING POOL**

Please note there are a limited number of items available from the school clothing pool at a small cost.

Dresses, skorts, polo tops and shorts are \$2. Brown jumpers are \$0.50. Please pay for these items at the front office.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**Physical Culture:

Grafton Physical Culture classes will commence back in February 2011. Registration day is Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at the Grafton Public School Hall 4.30 to 5.30pm. Physie promotes good posture, flexibility, self esteem, coordination, team spirit, fitness, friendships and fun. Physie is a form of dance incorporating marching, exercises, jazz dance, ballet and gymnastic movements. Physie is for girls aged 3 years to ladies. For further information call Justine on 0431 470 552.

Tucabia Bears Soccer Club: Sign on days Thursday 10/2/11, 17/2/11, 24/2/11 from 4.00pm at Tucabia soccer fields. Enquiries phone Fiona Pacey 6644 5423 or mobile 0414 281 138.

South Services Soccer Club: Soccer season is almost HERE!!!!

South Services Gunner Soccer Club will be hosting sign on days at Rushforth park on the 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2011 from 9am - 1pm. Fees are payable on these days.

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me direct on 02 66049207 or via email [service@kencasson.com.au](mailto:service@kencasson.com.au)

**Junior Hockey**

Hockey sign on day Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February (Shopping World)  
and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February (Hockey Centre) 12-00 to 2-00 p.m.

Boys Games played in U/7,U/9,U/11,U/13 and Under 16's divisions.

Girls play in grades based on ability levels. .

Two international water-base fields in 2011

Coutts Crossing Cougars Football Club will have their Registration sign on days 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at Coutts General Store between 9am and 12 noon. Phone Judy 6642 2799 (w)

South Junior Girls Hockey

Sign on day is Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February at the Hockey Centre from 12.00-2.00pm. Contact Kerry Barton at South Grafton High School on 6642 1466 or email [kerry.barton@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kerry.barton@det.nsw.edu.au)

Clarence Valley Conservatorium

20 February Ryan Enns: Classical Guitar Recital. 3.00pm at the Conservatorium, 8 Villiers Street. Tickets \$15/\$10/\$5(students)

Performing Arts Night: Thursday 17 March Theme: Irish (St Patrick's Day) or Green , Monday 4 April theme: vocal, Wednesday 6 April theme: instrumental. Time: 7.30-8.30pm. Location: the Conservatorium, 8 Villiers Street. Cost: by donation.

David Scheel: Maestro, a celebration of Musical Eccentrics. Sunday 3 April at 2.00pm. Location: Grafton Community Centre, Duke Street, Grafton. Tickets: \$35/\$30/\$10(children).